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### **LOBBYIST ASSESSED CIVIL PENALTIES**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Earl Tilly, found five lobbyists in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Monday in Olympia.

The lobbyists failed to timely file Lobbyist Monthly Expense Reports as required by state law and each was assessed a civil penalty.

“The requirement to register and file monthly lobbyists reports has been part of state law since 1972”, Tilly said. “These type of violations should never happen.”

The following lobbyists were found in violation:

- **Robert Harkins**, lobbyist for Planned Parenthood of Western Washington, was assessed a civil penalty of \$500 with \$200 suspended.
- **Bill Monto**, lobbyist for Washington Citizens Action, was assessed a civil penalty of \$100 with \$50 suspended pending no violations in 2004.
- **Stephanie Bowman**, lobbyist for Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, was assessed a civil penalty of \$100 with \$75 suspended.
- **Timothy Hamilton**, lobbyist for Automotive United Trades Organization, was assessed a civil penalty of \$100.
- **Dan Sexton**, lobbyist for Washington State Association of Plumbers & Steamfitters, was assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended pending no violations in 2004.

The five lobbyists had previously missed reporting deadlines and were issued a warning by the Commission prior to Monday's Enforcement Hearing. Lobbyists found in violation of the public disclosure law at the Brief Enforcement Hearings may ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

In a separate hearing, the Chair vacated an order of violation and penalty issued against Richard Heidal, candidate for Fire Commissioner in Pierce County FPD #3, on September 10, 2003 for failure to timely file the C-1 candidate registration form and the Personal Financial Affairs Statement.

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